

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend Paragraph [0040] on Pages 12 and 13 as follows:

[0040] The sustained release carriers useful in the present invention are those sustained release polymers which are used to control the release of medicaments in the pharmaceutical arts. They include sustained release polymers, non-polymer sustained release agents, waxes, and the like. The sustained release polymers include hydrophilic and hydrophobic polymers and waxes, such as a long chain hydrocarbons, long chain alkanolic acid, long chain alkanols and the like. Examples of the sustained release carriers include gums; cellulose ethers; acrylic resins; protein derived materials; digestible long chain C₈-C₅₀ hydrocarbons (containing just hydrogen and carbon), or acids thereof or alcohols thereof or glycerol esters thereof, especially C₁₂-C₄₀ hydrocarbons, such as fatty acids, C₁₂-C₄₀ alcohols, glycerol esters of the fatty acids; mineral and vegetable oils; waxes, especially hydrocarbons having a melting point between 25°C and 90°C, and polyethylene glycol, and the like. The preferred sustained release carriers are hydrophilic polymers. Preferred hydrophilic polymers include the hydrophilic gums and/or hydrophilic cellulose ethers, polyalkylene oxides, and the like. The hydrophilic gums and cellulose ethers include natural, or partially or totally synthetic, anionic or non-ionic hydrophilic gums, such as, for example, acacia, gum tragacanth, locust bean gum, guar gum, karaya gum, agar, pectin, carrageen, xanthan gum, soluble alginates, methyl cellulose, hydroxy propylmethyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, sodium carboxy methyl cellulose, carboxy polymethylene, a combination of two or more hydrophilic gums or cellulose ethers and the like. The preferred hydrophilic polymers are xanthan gum, hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose, or a mixture thereof, as described in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/459,300 entitled "Sustained Release Tablet Containing Hydrocolloid and Cellulose Ether", commonly assigned, the contents of which are incorporated by reference and the like.